FD-263 (Rev. 9-17-65)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~SECRET~~

REPORTING OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAN FRANCISCO	DATE 6/16/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/22 - 6/15/67
TITLE OF CASE	b7c	REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
RAMPARTS MAGAZINE, INC.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C REGISTRATION ACT	

~~Classified by 2909 Blue~~
~~Exempt from GDS, Category 1073~~
~~Date of Declassification Indefinite~~
4-27-78

CLASSIFIED BY Sp-3 [redacted]
EXTENDED BY [redacted]
REASON FOR
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION 6-16-87 b7c

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to San Francisco [redacted]

b7c

Deleted Copy Sent [redacted]
by letter 12-14-78

Classified by ~~Sp3 [illegible]~~ GADR
Declassify on: 92/26 340

b7c

[redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

b1

[redacted]

(U)

b1

[redacted]

(C)

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPROVED — SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

12-3-80

COPIES MADE:

⑤-Bureau (100-445393) (RM)
2-Boston (RM) 2cc's made of
2-Chicago (RM) CPA + 74,77 for
2-Denver (RM) HSC review re
2-New Haven (RM) hearing a Robert. 3.5.78.
2-New York (RM) request a. 3.20
2-Los Angeles (RM) DJC/P+B
3-San Francisco (157-459)

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

100 - 445393 - 53

REC-55

REC-72

Sp6 BJA/KA

GADR (SA 85 Sp6BJA/GCL #214,326)

Declassify on: 3-14-95 C.A. 24692

CLASS. & EXT. BY 3908
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 1, 2, 3
DATE OF REVIEW 4-1-97

Notations

DKK [redacted]

b7c

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)

5/10/78

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	[redacted]
~~Request Recd.~~	[redacted]
Date Fwd.	6-23-67
How Fwd.	1967
By	[redacted]

(C)

b1

b2

b7c

~~SECRET~~

treatment to be effective, Major General James W. Humphreys, who has been in charge of U. S. medical assistance to Viet Nam, has been trying to get helicopters to airlift casualties, as is now done for the military wounded."

The November 11, 1966 issue of Time Magazine in a KENNEDY assassination story stated as follows, under the caption "The Mythmakers":

"For many who believe that there was a conspiracy to assassinate John Kennedy in Dallas, the most mesmeric argument of all is that an extraordinary number of people involved in the case -- however remotely -- have since lost their lives under mysterious circumstances. As of last week, the toll had, in fact, reached 14. To conspiracy theorists, the clear implication is that the victims knew too much and were systematically liquidated.

"Chief mythologist and drumbeater for this theory is Penn Jones Jr., 52, the diminutive (5 ft. 2 1/4in.) editor of a Texas weekly newspaper, the Midlothian Mirror (circ. 765). In 1965, Jones began a seemingly inexhaustible Mirror series intended, as he put it, to 'bring into some intelligible whole all the events surrounding the assassination.'

"This month, San Francisco's slick Ramparts magazine, a onetime Catholic quarterly turned New Left monthly, also carried several of the Jones reports, along with the outcome of what the magazine breathlessly describes as an eight-month probe by 'a team of Ramparts editors, aided by researchers and trained investigators,' who 'traveled to Dallas a dozen times and interviewed nearly 100 people throughout the b7c [redacted]

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

country knowledgeable about the assassination.' Oddly enough, a majority of the people most closely involved in the incidents reported in the Ramparts article never heard of the magazine or its 'team'. Thus it is not so odd that the Ramparts-Jones non-history is riddled with factual errors and perverse conclusions. Items:

'Earlene Roberts, 60, the fuzzy-minded housekeeper who ran the Dallas rooming house where Lee Harvey Oswald lived -- and proved a helpful witness before the Warren Commission -- died last January. Ramparts says that she had been subjected to 'intensive police harassment', adds with sinister implication of foul play that 'no autopsy was performed'. In fact, Mrs. Roberts had severe heart disease, throat ulcers, and cataracts. The cause of death, 'acute myocardial infarction.' was determined after an autopsy by a doctor at Parkland Hospital.

"William Whaley, 51, the cab driver who picked up Oswald after he fled the book depository building, was killed in a head-on car crash in December, 1965. Ramparts views his death with suspicion because Whaley had never had an accident before and was the first Dallas cab driver to die on duty since 1937. In fact, Whaley was killed because an 83-year-old man (who also died) was driving north in a southbound lane.

"Eddy Benavides, 29, identified as the look-alike brother of Domingo Benavides, a witness in Oswald's slaying of Patrolman J. D. Tippit, was shot to death in a Dallas tavern in February, 1965. Ramparts reports that Dallas police classed it as death by 'pistol shot, wrote up a cursory report and marked the case 'unsolved''. The magazine also suggests that 'Domingo was the intended victim.' In fact, there is a full police report on the shooting (it was a shotgun, not a pistol). Moreover, one Radford Lee Hill, 41, confessed that he killed Eddy and served 20 months in prison for manslaughter.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☑ Deleted under exemption(s) b6, b7c with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) ________, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); ________ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information:

☑ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
140-0-39142

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX